

**Amendments to the Title:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FOOD ~~OR DRINK~~ AND BEVERAGE  
PRODUCTS FROM MALT ~~ROOT~~ SPROUTS

**Amendments to the Specification:**

After the title, please add the following paragraph:

The present application is an English language translation of International Application PCT No. PCT/JP2004/005116, filed April 9, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Application No. JP 2003-108267, filed April 11, 2003; both applications are hereby incorporated by reference.